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FORMER DEPARTMENT STORE CLERK SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS AND 1 DAY FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT, BANK FRAUD

LOUISVILLE, KY - Felicia Lee, age 32, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, was sentenced to 2 years and 1 day imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for bank fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 and aggravated identity theft in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Lee had previously pleaded guilty to these charges. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Lee to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. In addition, restitution in the amount of \$2200.00 was imposed.

U.S. Attorney Huber said, "Identity theft is a very serious crime and will be dealt with as such." He also noted that the modern economy functions on valid and trustworthy consumer identification.

Lee admitted that in April 2006 while she was working as a cashier at Macy's Department store in Louisville, Kentucky, she stole the personal identification, including social security number, address, and date of birth, of a customer. She then used this customer's identity to fraudulently apply for and obtain an American Express credit card. Lee used the stolen identity of the victim to apply for the card online and then caused the credit card to be mailed to her home address, and subsequently used the credit card to make a number of purchases. She

also used the stolen identity to open a Sprint cell phone account.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun and was investigated by the United States Secret Service .

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